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### **Amber Alert Results in Child Found Unharmful, 2 People Charged**

This morning, January 30, 2017 at 7:30am Columbus Police received a call that a car that was warming up was stolen in the area of Chittenden & North 4<sup>th</sup> Street with a child in the back seat.

An Amber Alert was issued and dozens of police officers from patrol, helicopter, k9, sexual assault, were searching for 4-year-old Janylia Fails.

Within an hour, the stolen vehicle was located in the area of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Corrugated Way.

Columbus Police received many tips, one of those being that the little girl was safe. She had stayed the night with a family friend.

Soon after, officers located Janylia Fails with her mother, 22-year-old Jessica Pickett.

“Indications she gave detectives was she made up the story to find her car (stolen) faster,” said Sgt. Terry McConnell, CPD’s Sexual Assault Unit.

Pickett will face a charge of falsification, a misdemeanor.

22-year-old Bradley Stroud was arrested and charged with grand theft auto.

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